

Department:

Theatre

Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the basics of acting and is geared towards students with little or no performance experience. The course will focus on rehearsal procedures and techniques, terminology, actor discipline, and public performance.

Course Competencies:

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Use effective warm-up techniques.
2. Apply effective meditation and relaxation techniques.
3. Employ memorization techniques.
4. Publicly perform a duet comedic scene, duet dramatic scene, and monologue.

Course Content:

- A. Preparing to Act
- B. Goal and Obstacle
- C. Acting with the "Other"
- D. Beginning to Act
- E. Tactics
- F. Expectations
- G. Preparing a Role
- H. Rehearsing
- I. Staging the Scene
- J. Choices
- K. Performing
- L. Evaluation, Criticism, and Improvement

Learning Assessments:

Course competencies will be assessed by a public performance of a duet comedic scene, duet dramatic scene, and a monologue.

Instructional Materials:

Acting One, Cohen, 5th Ed., McGraw-Hill, 2008. ISBN-13: 978-0-07351416-1
An Actor Prepares, Stanislavski 1st Ed. Paperback, Routledge, 2003. ISBN 13:978-087830-983-2

**Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on
Documented Disability or Medical Condition**

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students **must** complete the “Disabilities Self-Identification Form” at this link:

<https://highlandcc.edu/pages/disability-services>.

This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.